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REPORTS MALPRACTICES AMONG COMMUNIST OFFICIALS

SECURITY OFFICER GUILTY OF CORRUPTION -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 23 Apr 50

Deputy Chief Chuang Ch'in-t'ang, a native of Lin-i Hsien, Shantung, of Section No 2, Ch'ang-shu Branch, Shanghai Public Security Bureau was found guilty by the Shanghai authorities of corrupt practices, including: misappropriating 7 million yuan of confiscated jewelry and gold, beating prisoners against regulations, misusing public property, etc. He was also found guilty of disobeying the orders of his superiors as well as suppressing democratic practices.

Chuang joined the CCP in 1949 and, because of his past experiences in public security work, he was appointed to the position he held at the time of his arrest. Frequent warnings were given Chuang by the Communist authorities against his wayward habits, but he failed to heed them. As part of his punishment, he was dismissed from the CCP.

OFFICIALS SMUGGLE SALT -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 22 May 50

Canton, 21 May -- Illicit salt traffic to evade the levying of a salt revenue involving Communist officials in the Fort Bayard region was reported to the Central and South China Military and Political Commission. The commission immediately promulgated an edict to prevent the continuation of such activities. It was revealed that some officers of the People's Liberation Army had misused their authority to further their personal profit by commandeering automobiles and civilian boats, in the name of transporting military provisions, to smuggle salt without being taxed.

The authorities have published regulations to the effect that individuals who continue to disrupt normal market practices and to break established revenue regulations shall be prosecuted. Requisitioning of salt for military use must now originate from a division commander or above and no one may engage in salt transactions for personal profits. Local government revenue bureaus and armed revenue police shall have the authority to capture, imprison, and prosecute any culprit and also to confiscate all illegally possessed goods of those found smuggling salt.

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